



Arlington Economic Recovery Task Force Minutes

Date: Tuesday June 2, 2020

Time: 2:00-3:00 PM

Join Zoom Meeting

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Present: Jennifer Raitt, Dept. of Planning and Community Development; Ali Carter, Dept. of Planning and Community Development; Rachel Zsembery, Arlington Redevelopment Board; Michelle Casey, Marchelle Salone; Alyssa Clossey, Support Arlington Center; Tom Formicola, Arlington Center for the Arts; Erik Kondo, Broadway Athletics; Heather Leavell, Cyrus Dallin Museum; Beth Locke, Arlington Chamber of Commerce; Sarah Morgan-Wu, The Object of Stories; Bootsy Mullans, Town Tavern; Janet O'Riordan, Old Schwamb Mill; Emily Shea, Kickstand Café; Dorothy Zahir, Leader Bank; Bob Bowes, Bowes Real Estate; Leland Stein, Regent Theater

Minutes

1. Public Health Update: Ali Carter reported 310 COVID-19 cases and 42 deaths in Arlington
2. Updates on next phases: Phase II guidance for retailers, food establishments, childcare facilities, camps and hotels has been released and Health Department is actively reviewing all industry guidelines now
3. Select Board meeting update: Select Board voted in favor of all recommendations made by the Task Force, including suspending parking fee collection indefinitely, suspending temporary signage permit review and relaxing window signage requirements for remainder of State of Emergency, and also for creating a COVID-19 vacant storefront registration waiver provision. They also approved the recommendations to create 15-minute parking zones and expansion of opportunities for outdoor dining and shopping based on the following criteria:
 - a. Proximity to open businesses
 - b. ADA compliance
 - c. Safety (e.g. visibility, buffering from vehicular traffic, etc.)

- d. Provision of ample space for social distancing
- 4. Next steps
 - a. Coordinate with DPW, Senior Transportation Planner, and other colleagues in DPCD and IT departments to identify and implement 15-minute parking zones and outdoor dining areas.
 - b. Discuss similar uses in Arlington parks with Recreation Committee, whose next meeting is on June 16th
 - c. Focus groups: food business focus group was yesterday; the other 5 will be concluded by Monday 6/8
- 5. Approval of minutes of previous meetings: all minutes unanimously approved.

Next meeting on Tuesday June 9th at 2 pm via Zoom.